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To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SATURDAY, 4 JULY 1998

1. The Independence Day fireworks will be displayed on 4 July 1998 from four barges in the East River (23rd Street to 41st Street). The display is scheduled from 9.30 to 9.40 p.m. The pre-fireworks events will start at 9 p.m., and the FDR Drive will be closed at 7.30 p.m. from 14th to 42nd Streets.

2. Members of delegations and staff wishing to view the display can do so from the garden promenade. The only access to the grounds that evening will be through the visitors' entrance at First Avenue and 45th Street, which will open at 6 p.m. The entrance at 42nd Street and the Secretariat entrance will be closed.

3. Access to the complex will be restricted to holders of grounds passes and their ticketed guests. Each pass-holder will be permitted to bring a maximum of 10 guests, including immediate family members. Up to 10 tickets per pass-holder will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the United Nations Pass Office beginning 29 June 1998. For security reasons, no more than 7,000 tickets will be issued.

4. Staff members who wish to view the display from their own offices are reminded that windows in the Secretariat Building may not be opened under any circumstances. This provision will be strictly enforced.

5. Guests must enter through the visitors' entrance of the General Assembly public lobby, where they will be required to proceed through the metal detectors. Staff members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the United Nations. All guests must be escorted at all times within

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the complex. Security staff will conduct security checks on all non-pass-holders entering the complex.

6. Under no circumstances will alcoholic beverages be allowed on the grounds or inside the complex. Security staff will be authorized to take away any alcoholic beverages spotted. All dining facilities will be closed.

7. Parking will be permitted in the United Nations garage at the weekend rate upon presentation of a valid grounds pass at the northern entrance at 48th Street and the FDR Drive. No guests will be admitted through the garage.

8. In the event of an emergency, the Security Control Centre should be contacted at extension 3-6666.